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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements and support for school districts,
2 including changing the school start date, eliminating
3 authorization for a school district to request approval for an
4 earlier start date, and providing for matters related to the
5 expansion of physical plant and equipment levy revenue, and
6 including an applicability provision.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.17, Code 2005, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 257.17 AID REDUCTION FOR EARLY SCHOOL STARTS.
1 4 State aid payments made pursuant to section 257.16 for a
1 5 fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred-eightieth for
1 6 each day of that fiscal year for which the school district
1 7 begins school before the earliest starting date specified in
1 8 section 279.10, subsection 1. ~~However, this section does not~~
~~1 9 apply to a school district that has received approval from the~~
~~1 10 director of the department of education under section 279.10,~~
~~1 11 subsection 4, to commence classes for regularly established~~
~~1 12 elementary and secondary schools in advance of the starting~~
~~1 13 date established in section 279.10, subsection 1.~~
1 14 Sec. 2. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
1 15 amended to read as follows:
1 16 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July
1 17 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school
1 18 shall begin no sooner than ~~a day during the calendar week in~~
~~1 19 which the first day of September falls August 22~~ but no later
1 20 than the first Monday in December. ~~However, if the first day~~
~~1 21 of September falls on a Sunday, school may begin on a day~~
~~1 22 during the calendar week which immediately precedes the first~~
~~1 23 day of September.~~ School shall continue for at least one
1 24 hundred eighty days, except as provided in subsection 3, and
1 25 may be maintained during the entire calendar year. However,
1 26 if the board of directors of a district extends the school
1 27 calendar because inclement weather caused the district to
1 28 temporarily close school during the regular school calendar,
1 29 the district may excuse a graduating senior who has met
1 30 district or school requirements for graduation from attendance
1 31 during the extended school calendar. A school corporation may
1 32 begin employment of personnel for in-service training and
1 33 development purposes before the date to begin elementary and
1 34 secondary school.
1 35 Sec. 3. Section 279.10, subsection 4, Code 2005, is
2 1 amended by striking the subsection.
2 2 Sec. 4. Section 298.3, subsection 3, Code 2005, is amended
2 3 to read as follows:
2 4 3. The purchase, lease, or lease-purchase of a single unit
2 5 of equipment or technology exceeding five hundred dollars in
2 6 value per unit, ~~and the purchase of software or payments under~~
~~2 7 a software licensing agreement exceeding five hundred dollars~~
~~2 8 in value per purchase or agreement relating to that equipment~~
~~2 9 or technology purchase, lease, or lease-purchase.~~
2 10 Sec. 5. Section 298.3, subsection 6, Code 2005, is amended
2 11 to read as follows:
2 12 6. Repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving,
2 13 maintaining, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and
2 14 additions to existing schoolhouses.

2 15 For the purpose of this subsection, "repairing" means
2 16 restoring an existing structure or thing to its original
2 17 condition, as near as may be, after decay, waste, injury, or
2 18 partial destruction, ~~but does not include maintenance~~
2 19 including repairing a building in preparation for sale; and
2 20 "reconstructing" means rebuilding or restoring as an entity a
2 21 thing which was lost or destroyed. For the purposes of this
2 22 subsection, maintenance costs shall exceed five hundred
2 23 dollars per incidence or occurrence.

2 24 Sec. 6. Section 298.3, subsection 9, Code 2005, is amended
2 25 to read as follows:

2 26 9. Purchase, repair, or maintenance of transportation
2 27 equipment for transporting students, and for depreciation of
2 28 costs for leasing transportation services.

2 29 Sec. 7. Section 298.3, Code 2005, is amended by adding the
2 30 following new unnumbered paragraph:

2 31 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A school district shall only be
2 32 authorized to utilize physical plant and equipment levy
2 33 revenue for the purchase of software or payments under a
2 34 software licensing agreement pursuant to subsection 3, for
2 35 maintenance costs or repairing a building in preparation for
3 1 sale pursuant to subsection 6, or for transportation repair,
3 2 maintenance, or depreciation costs pursuant to subsection 9,
3 3 if the department of management determines that the school
3 4 district has an assessed property tax valuation per pupil
3 5 below the statewide average assessed property tax valuation
3 6 per pupil.

3 7 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY. The sections of this Act amending
3 8 section 298.3 are applicable for physical plant and equipment
3 9 levies either in existence or imposed on or after the
3 10 effective date of this Act, and local option sales taxes for
3 11 school infrastructure purposes either in existence or imposed
3 12 on or after the effective date of this Act.

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